

# Big Island Amateur Radio Club

# BIARC

# Bulletin

## May 2007

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### President's Message

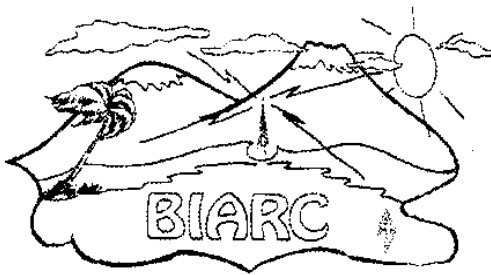
We have had an abundance of ham radio operators visit our island this month. The first to arrive were Kurt (DL3MBY) and Margot (DL2MBY) Vetter from Bavaria. They spent weeks here camping in our campgrounds around the island. They were here two years ago and hopefully they will return again. We were lucky enough to have them to the house for dinner where friends enjoyed visiting with them too.

The next visitor was from Spain. Anselmo Bernabe Coll (Elmo) EA5BYP and his wife were guests of Fred W6YM and his wife Sandy. Elmo did a lot of operating while here. My husband, Dick AH7G, has written an article about why he was so elated to have Elmo visit Hawaii.

At the monthly meeting we had Doug Wingate WH7DW of Mt. View and Irene Kubica NH7PE of Pahoa as guests.

To top off the month, when I walked into the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel dining room on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup>, I thought I was in the wrong place. There were 5 unfamiliar faces sitting at our tables. Yes- they were ham operators who had

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## Big Island Amateur Radio Club

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### Officers

President	Barbara Darling, NH7FY	982-9126
Vice President	Arman Wiggins, WH6BVZ	963-6846
Treasurer	Ed Breen, NH6HTT	982-6513
Secretary	Ken Cutting, KH7ZJ	938-5881

### One Year Directors

Richard Darling, AH7G	982-9126
Don Bartron, NH6WW	935-1258
Doris Carlson, KH6ER	966-4676
Fred Benardella, KH6FI	968-1331
Ron Phillips, AH6HN	982-6513
Solomon Singer, NH7ZE	935-5563
Rick Frazier, AH7H	985-9169
Jeremy Punsalan, KH7CN	959-8510

### Two Year Directors

Richard Fetchen, K3QHP	982-7426
Fred Honnold, W6YM	982-5226
Beau Mills, NH7WV	968-1271
Bob Schneider, AH6J	966-8146
Curtis Knight, AH6RE	966-8304
Syd Singer, WH6VO	935-5563

### Standing Committees

Service/Awards	Harry Nishiyama	KH6KG
Co-Chair	Ron Phillips	AH6HN
Education	Harvey Motomura	AH6JA
Emergency Coord.	H. Nishiyama	KH6KG
Equip. Inventory	Wilbur Carlson	KH7E
Health & Welfare	Doris Carlson	KH6ER
Hospitality	Gloria Whiteley	Associate
Newsletter Editor	Sean Stueber	NH7SA
Programs	Arman Wiggins	WH6BVZ
Repeater	Ron Phillips	AH6HN
Webmaster	Rick Frazier	AH7H

### Special Committees

Christmas Party	Gloria Whiteley	Associate
Club Improvement	H. Nishiyama	KH6KG
Co-Chair	Ron Phillips	AH6HN
Field Day	Robert Oliver	NH6AH
Hamfest	Bob Schneider	AH6J
Co-Chair	John Buck	KH7I
QSL Cards In/Out	Richard Darling	AH7G
Volcano Rim Run	Sean Stueber	NH7SA

## MEETINGS & GET-TOGETHERS

### Membership Meetings -

2nd Saturday of each month at 2PM at The Kea'au Community Center.

### Board Meetings -

Will be held every other month 1 hour prior to the General Membership Meeting at the same location as the General Meeting (January, March, May, July, September and November)

### Friday Lunches -

Every Friday at the Queens Court Restaurant in the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel. Meet in lobby between 11:00 - 11:15 a.m. Or we will see you inside in the far left corner.

### East Hawaii Net -

The East Hawaii Net meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8AM, local time, on 146.76 mhz. Sign on and check us out.

**Take a look at our  
newly updated  
website at  
[www.biarc.net](http://www.biarc.net)**

## **NEXT MEETING**

### **Saturday, May 12th**

Our regular monthly meeting will be held at the Keaau Community Center on May 12th at 2PM. Our program for the May meeting will be presented by Mike Morrow KH6JQM . His topic will be Hurricanes and Weather.

For new members, the center is located behind the Keaau Police Station and new clinic.

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## **May Birthdays**

KH6JRM	Russ Roberts	13th
AH6A	Donald Shook	19th
KD7RMG	Sean Adkins	21st

**Happy Birthday to all !!!**

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## **REPEATERS**

145.29- HOVE - KAU (141.3Hz) WH6FC  
146.76- Kulani KH6EJ  
146.82- Mauna Loa (ARES) KH6EJ  
146.88- Pepeekeo KH6EJ  
146.92- Kau PD KH6EJ  
146.94- Haleakala Maui (ARES) WH6KO  
147.00+ Glenwood (141.3Hz) AH6GG  
147.02+ Haleakala Maui (RACES) KH6H  
147.04+ Mauna Loa (RACES) AH6JA  
147.10+ Waiakea HS AH6GO  
147.16+ Hualalai Kona KH6DEW  
147.32+ Waimea Hospital (100 Hz) NH7HI  
147.38+ Waimea East KH7T  
146.68- Keaau (portable) KH6EJ

NOTE: There are some privately owned repeater, some with IRLP. For further info contact Ron AH6HN.

found us. Two local hams were Charlie N6SBB of Volcano and Norm NH6I of Ocean View. The other men were from the mainland: Mac W4PVT of Charlotte, NC, Gary KN4AQ of Cary, NC and Mike N9NS of Indianapolis, In. We sure do like to meet new people and hopefully they will return to see us again.

In May Jim Hoggard K7MY will be here from Mesa, AZ to attend his grandson's graduation from UH-Hilo. Hope he'll be able to make lunch on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

If you missed the last meeting, you missed a good program. Janet NH7AK did an excellent job of explaining how we should be prepared for a disaster- especially on what we should be storing up ahead of time. I have already ordered some of the food items as she was getting an order ready to send in to the Honolulu HI Home Storage Center.

I would like to thank Bob AH6J for volunteering to act as secretary at our meeting as Ken KH7ZJ had to attend a Red Cross meeting in Honolulu. Bob did an excellent job of filling in.

Mike NH7JT is currently visiting in New York. He just attended his 43<sup>rd</sup> high school class reunion in Brooklyn and yesterday (April 20<sup>th</sup>) he celebrated 45 years in ham radio. He will be going on to Connecticut and Canada next before returning to North Carolina. He sends his regards to everyone in the club.

Plans are under way for Field Day in June. Robert NH6AH will need volunteers in all areas to make this a successful event. Please give him a call at 969-9993.

73, Barbara NH7FY

## **AH7G, Dick to 3C0M, Elmo**

I want to take this opportunity to thank Elmo, EA5BYP, for delivering to me, in person, his 2006 3C0M DXpedition QSL card which confirms my 310<sup>th</sup> DX country. When you consider that Elmo lives in Spain, and his DXpedition 3C0M was on Annobon Island in the Atlantic Ocean to the west of 3C land, Equatorial Guinea, Africa, the distance he has covered to get to the Big Island of Hawaii for QSL delivery is incredible!

The actual contact was kind of awesome itself – 100 watts from my Icom 746PRO radio into a Moseley TA53M beam pointing along the great circle bearing to Equatorial Guinea (over the ham-filled country of USA). With great surprise to me, Elmo heard my call! In fact, he heard me much stronger than I heard him, and he asked about Fred Honnold, NH6P, me, and Hawaii. One of the most indescribable feelings is that moment when you hear your call being acknowledged by the DX operator you are calling, especially under less than good operating (propagation, noise, and QRM) conditions. That feeling never diminishes for me as I call new countries.

Why, you ask, is this particular QSL so important to me? It just so happens that a requirement of the HDXA (Hawaii DX Association) rules in order to be eligible for a TIKI is to have received confirmation from a minimum of 310 DX country/entities, and 3C0M is my 310th.

AUWE! ALOHA! 73, y muchas gracias, mi amigo, Elmo!

# **BIARC Membership Meeting**

## **Secretary's Minutes**

**April 14th, 2007**

Secretary Ken Cutting, KH7ZJ, was not available so Bob Schneider, AH6J, took minutes. The minutes were very easy to take because of the prepared agenda. All that is necessary is to fill in the blanks. This makes it very easy for anyone to stand in for the secretary. Thanks to Barbara Darling, NH7FY, for the extra work in preparing the agenda.

President Barbara Darling NH7FY opened the April 14, 2007 meeting at 2:10 p.m. at the Kea'au Community Center. Members and guests introduced themselves and made short comments about recent events that happened to them. There were 3 guests. The sign in sheet is made an attachment to these minutes.

Announcements were made. They were:

1. There will be a special FCC license test session at HCC Electronics classroom on April 20 1:13 PM. The cost is \$14. For More information contact Ron, AH6HN.
2. October 13, is the Hamfest at Waimea Community Center. It is in place of the October meeting of BIARC. Doors open for setup at 9AM and ends about 2PM. FCC Amateur radio license testing will start at 1PM.
3. The May 12th meeting will be feature Mike Morrow, KH6JQM, speaking on weather and Hurricanes. Mike is part of the "SPARC" club (South Point Amateur Radio Club) in HOVE.
4. The June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at Puna Congregational Christian Church located on Old Volcano Highway to the south of Keaau.

The Program speaker was Janet Mills, NH7AK. She spoke on disaster preparations on the personal and family level. She and her family are members of the Church of Latter Day Saints or Mormon Church. She is an instructor on various aspect of preparedness but spoke mainly on being self sufficient especially just after a disaster. The two aspects emphasized were the "Go Kit" and food storage and preparation. The go kit is a 48 hour kit that can be grabbed on the run. It contains food, water, emergency supplies and important papers. Food storage is an ongoing lifestyle in which a six month supply of food is cycled through regularly. It requires planning and can result in saving money by purchasing bulk or sale items when they are available. She spoke a little over one hour.

There was a break for refreshment and social time. Janet prepared two dry stored pudding dishes to show how quickly and easily they can be made. Gloria Whiteley did here usual outstanding job in preparing other refreshments.

The Business meeting was started at 3:45 PM.

The Secretaries report was accepted as printed in the newsletter.

The Treasurer's report shows a balance on hand of \$2454.91 with a total of 90 members.

There are 5 associates, 15 family, 65 general, 2 students and 3 life members.

#### Committee Reports:

1. Repeaters were reported on by Ron Phillips, AH6HN. Naalehu has been rebuilt and is now in full service thanks to the effort of Rick Ward, WH6FC, Paul Ducasse, WH7BR and members of the SPARK group. The East Hawaii Hub is now located at the QTH of AH6J and is up and working. The portable repeater has been relocated to HPP and is in service. Mauna Loa still needs some work however it is fully functional. Volunteers to help with the repeaters are always welcome.
2. The BIARC Web site was not reported on.
3. There were no Health and welfare issues this last month.
4. Robert Oliver, NH6AH, reported on preparations for Field Day. Barbara already has the proclamation from Harry Kim. BIARC will be having their field day at HPP recreation center. There could be five club field day sites on this island. They are Hawi, Laupahoehoe, Kona, HOVE and HPP. Again the June final preparation meeting for BIARC Field Day will be at Puna Congregational Christian Church not the Keaau Community Center.

#### Old Business:

The Repeater list has been updated in the newsletter. April issue also included a membership list for 2007 and an application for membership.

#### New Business:

1. There was a shipment of QSL cards received and handed out at Friday's lunch and today's meeting.
2. The question "Should BIARC volunteer to become the Hawaii QSL manger?" was raised.
3. The consensus was yes. Several people said they will be willing to participate and Barbara volunteered to head the project.
4. Bob, AH6J, reported on his latest contacts with ARRL HQ and Bob Vallio, Pacific Division Director.
5. ARRL will now be sending QSL card by first class mail to Hawaii.
6. Ed Miller, W7GMH and Chuck Epperson, AH6SC announced that June 9<sup>th</sup> will be "Museum Ship Weekend". Operations will be from many museum ships including the Battleship Missouri with special QSL cards for those making contact.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.

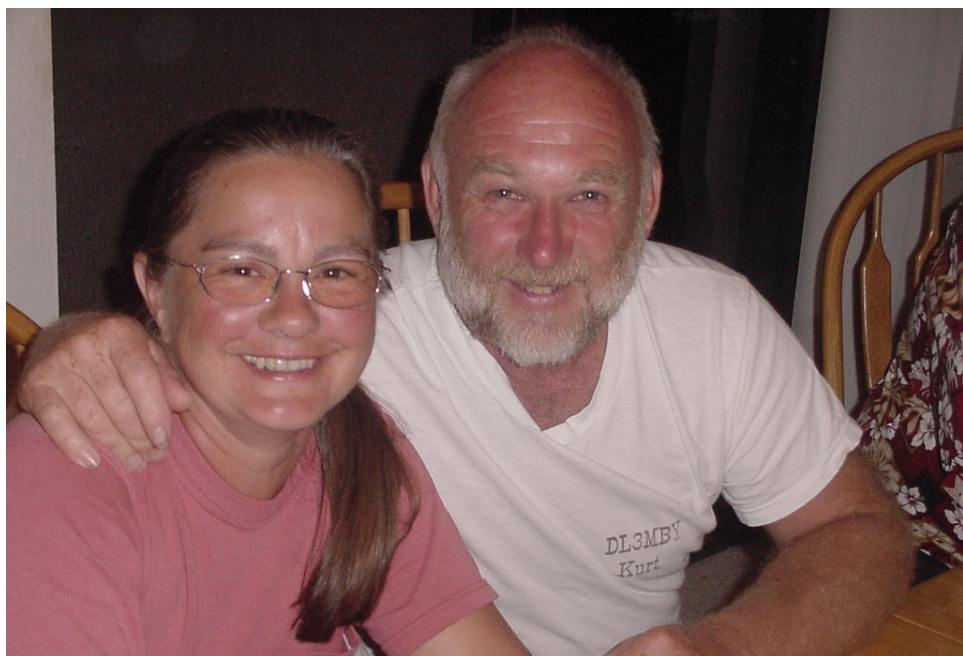
Respectfully Submitted By Bob Schneider, AH6J.



# BIARC Members Photo Gallery



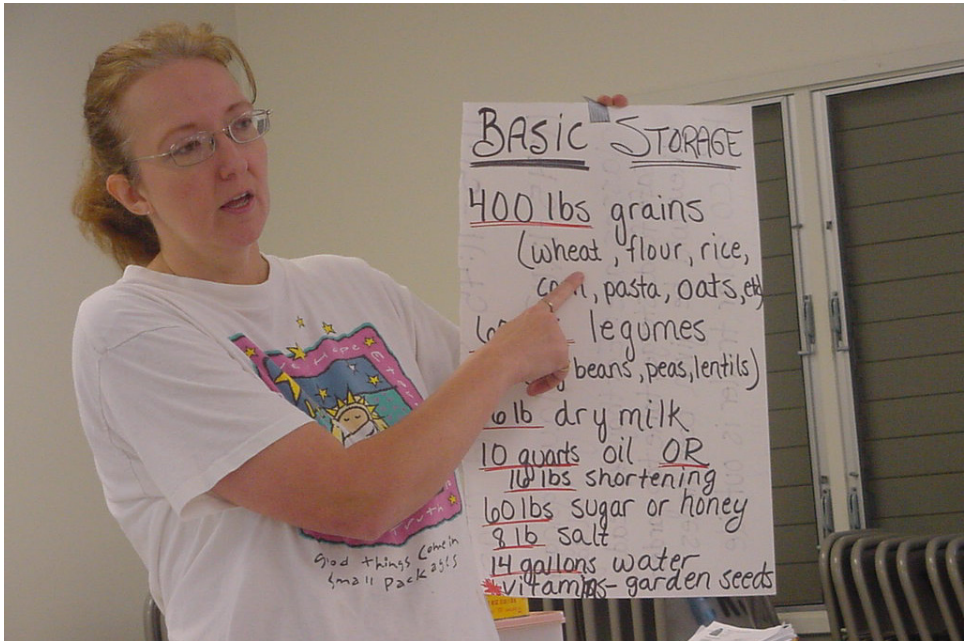
Dick AH7G and Elmo 3C0M



Margot Vetter DL2MBY and Kurt Vetter DL3MBY from Bavaria



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Janet NH7AK and her program on disaster preparedness



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Bob AH6J and Gloria Whiteley



Paul WH7BR and Elmo EA5BYP

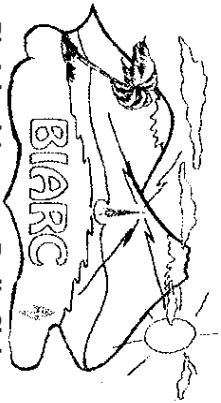


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Elmo EA5BYP and Fred W6YM

**Have any ham radio  
related pictures you'd  
like to see in a future  
newsletter? Perhaps  
one of your shack?  
Please submit them by  
email to:  
[NH7SA@hotmail.com](mailto:NH7SA@hotmail.com)**



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